



WARNING SIGNALS TO WATCH FOR IN YOUR CHILD

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Screen Switching- Your child quickly changes screens or turns off the monitor when you come into the room.

- If you notice this happening, check the computer history and discuss your concerns with your child.

Unknown Phone Calls - Adults (or children) who you do not know begin to call your child.

- Consider installing Caller ID and discuss these calls with your child.

Long Hours Online- Use of the Internet for hours everyday, chatting online or Instant messaging for lengthy sessions.

- Set rules that limit time online and sit beside your child at the computer to provide more supervision.

Cash/Gifts-Your child suddenly has new clothing, gifts, cell phones, and unaccounted for cash. Predators often spend money to buy a child's trust.

- Ask the tough questions of your child and investigate. You should probably talk to 1-800-THE-LOST to get more specific advice.

Emotional attachment to the Internet -Your child cries or exhibits extreme reaction when the Internet is down or you have limited his or her time online.

- Talk to your child about why he or she is so upset. Check the computer history and read recent emails, including those in the deleted folder.

Withdrawal – Your child become emotionally distance and spends less time with family and friends. Predators will use the trust they cultivate to drive a wedge between children and the people who support and care for them.

- Talk to your child. Check the computer history and read recent emails, including those in the deleted folder. Supervise your child more closely.